

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/705,728

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Art Unit

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the after final amendment filed 11/13/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,4-24 and 26-60.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1) Claims 1, 4-24, and 26-33, as amended 11/13/06 in an after-final amendment, and new claims 34-60 are presented for examination.

Allowable Subject Matter

2) Claims 1, 4-24 and 26-60 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Referring to claims 1, 22, 34, 46, 53 and 60, neither Jensen (USPGPUB 2001/0032111), Zhang (U.S. Pat 6,158,346), Sanders, Jr (U.S. Pat 5,506,607), nor Tischler (U.S. PG PUB 2003/0114016), together or in combination with the prior art of record, explicitly teach a programmed material consolidation method comprising disposing a retention lip extending laterally from a raised element over at least a portion of a periphery of a major surface of a substrate, disposing an extension element on an upper surface of a raised element, dispensing unconsolidated material without introducing unconsolidated material onto structures that protrude from the substrate, creating a circulating air flow beneath the bottom surface of the substrate, introducing unconsolidated material including substantially filling the receptacle with unconsolidated material, nor removing excess unconsolidated material from the receptacle following the programmably consolidating, in combination with the remaining elements or features of the claimed invention.

Referring to all other claims, the claims are dependent on allowable independent claims, and are therefore allowable.

Conclusion

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3) Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alexander J Kosowski whose telephone number is 571-272-3744.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, alternating Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Leo Picard can be reached on 571-272-3749. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300. In addition, the examiner's RightFAX number is 571-273-3744.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 571-272-2100.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alex Kosowski', written in a cursive style.